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LUCKY DRAGON [REDACTED]

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RADAR SITE
CUA LO, NORTH VIETNAM
1850N 10541E

1. PRE-STRIKE PHOTOGRAPHY OF LUCKY DRAGON [REDACTED]

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REVEALS A RADAR SITE AT CUA LO 1.5 NM WEST OF TRUNG KIEN AND 10 NM NORTH OF VINH. THE SITE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING: TWO CROSS SLOT RADAR ANTENNAS ENCLOSED BY HEXAGONAL STRUCTURES, EACH ON TOP OF A BUNKERED BUILDING, ONE CONTROL BUILDING LOCATED BETWEEN THE RADARS, AND EIGHT SUPPORT BUILDINGS. THE SITE IS ROAD-SERVED AND SURROUNDED ON THREE SIDES BY A TRENCH SYSTEM WITH NUMEROUS FIRING BAYS AND BUNKERS.

2. POST-STRIKE PHOTOGRAPHY OF [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] REVEALS THE TWO RADAR ANTENNAS AND HEXAGONAL STRUCTURES TO BE DAMAGED. THE BUNKERED BUILDINGS ARE COVERED WITH DEBRIS AND THE TRENCH SYSTEM HAS SUSTAINED MINOR DAMAGE. THE CONTROL BUILDING AND THE EIGHT SUPPORT BUILDINGS APPEAR INTACT. ALSO EVIDENT ON THIS MISSION IS AN OCCUPIED FOUR-GUN LIGHT AAA SITE, LOCATED IMMEDIATELY WEST OF THE RADAR SITE, AND ELEVEN AW POSITIONS (SIX OF WHICH ARE FIRING) LOCATED 0.3 NM WEST OF THE RADAR SITE.

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3. STRIKE DATA REPORTS THAT THE TARGET AREA WAS STRUCK BY 36 USAF AIRCRAFT SUPPORTED BY SIX OTHER USAF AIRCRAFT ON 31 MARCH 1965. ORDNANCE EXPENDED CONSISTED OF 80 750 LB. GENERAL PURPOSE BOMBS AND EIGHT BLU-1B NAPALM BOMBS.

4. AREA HAS BEEN COVERED BY PREVIOUS COLD TALE, LUCKY DRAGON, AND TROJAN HORSE PHOTOGRAPHY.

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